

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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DOCKET NO. 2011-294-C

Docket Summary: Application of Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone for Designation as a Non-Rural Wireless Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Budget Prepay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone ("Budget") has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") an Application for additional designation as a non-rural wireless Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) pursuant to Section §214(e)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended, and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. §103-690. Budget seeks wireless ETC designation solely to provide Lifeline Assistance and Link-Up services to qualifying South Carolina consumers. Budget will provide service in areas served by non-rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers ("ILECs"). Budget does not seek access to funds from the federal Universal Service Fund (USF) for the purpose of providing service to high cost areas. Budget will provide wireless service for Lifeline Assistance and Link-up services to qualifying customers requesting these services throughout South Carolina, pursuant to the federal Universal Service Fund ("USF") and in accordance with 47 C.F.R. Section §54.202(a)(1).

A copy of the Company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2011-294-C. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the Company's representative John J. Pringle, Jr., Esquire, Ellis, Lawhorne & Sims, Post Office Box 2285, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at 10:30 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **September 2, 2011**, and indicate the amount of time required to address the Commission. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2011-294-C.*

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the Company's representative at the above address, on or before **September 2, 2011**, and indicate the amount of time required to address the Commission. *Please refer to Docket No. 2011-294-C.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Commission, in writing, at the address below on or before **September 2, 2011**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2011-294-C.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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